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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/615,945	Applicant(s) ZHANG, PENG JIE	
	Examiner Michael N. Opsasnick	Art Unit 2655	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 July 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sewall et al (6708146).

As per claims 1,11, Sewall et al (6708146) teaches and apparatus and method for discriminating voice band data in a network (abstract), comprising:

“calculating....input signal segment” as calculating a central second order moment (fig. 18, subblock 20; col. 8 lines 26-65) to determine periodicity and an autocorrelation calculation representing a spectral characteristic (col. 8 line 56 – col. 9 line 15);

“determining.....value” as making a decision as to what class the signal belongs based upon both of these calculations (fig. 18m subblocks 26,36).

As per claims 2, 12, Sewall et al (6708146) teaches N samples (col. 5 lines 15-20);

As per claims 3, 13, Sewall et al (6708146) teaches calculating a ratio based upon delays, and comparing the ratio to a threshold (col. 5 lines 35-55; col. 6 lines 7-34; col. 6 lines 60-67).

As per claims 4, 14, Sewall et al (6708146) teaches calculating a second ratio based upon a second delay and comparing the thresholds (col. 6 lines 44-67 -- examiner notes that different thresholds are calculated for each class listed in col. 6).

As per claims 5-7, 15-17, Sewall et al (6708146) teaches multiple autocorrelation thresholds and comparison based upon the autocorrelation calculation (col. 12 lines 15-58; col. 9 lines 15-25; col. 5 lines 43-55).

As per claims 8,18, Sewall et al (6708146) teaches multiple classes to check thru (col. 6 lines 10-22)

As per claims 9,19, Sewall et al (6708146) teaches switching to the common class for the signal period if an anomalous classification occurs (col. 11 lines 58-65).

As per claims 10,20, Sewall et al (6708146) teaches using a power figure to switch between classes (col. 8 line 61 – col. 9 line 15).

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Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Please see related art listed on the PTO-892 form.

4. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Opsasnick, telephone number (703)305-4089, who is available Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-4pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. Doris To, can be reached at (703)305-4827. The facsimile phone number for this group is (703)872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group 2600 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4750, the 2600 Customer Service telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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